(b) if so, the details of the strategy spelt out by Pakistan; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, in the course of an address titled "Indian Nuclear Doctrine: Implications for Regional and Global Peace and Security" at Islamabad on 7 September 1999 made a "10-Point" suggestion comprising principally of steps that Pakistan wanted India to take in the nuclear field. Included in these 10 Points were proposals for Pakistan and India to formalise their unilateral moratoriums on nuclear testing into, a binding bilateral arrangement pending the coming into force of the CTBT, and for India to enter into negotiations with Pakistan to elaborate a "Strategic Restraint Regime" for South Asia.

(c) The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan in February 1999 at Lahore provides for both countries to engage in bilateral consultations on security concepts and nuclear doctrines with a view to developing measures for confidence building in the nuclear and the conventional fields. It may be noted, however, that it has been India's consistent position that measures of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation cannot be limited to an arbitrarily defined geographical sub-region when nuclear weapons by definition have a global reach and impact and India's security concerns extend well beyond that sub-region.

Training to Indian security personnel by United States

333. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any offer has been received from the United States to train Indian security personnel in sophisticated counter insurgency combat following the open declaration of 'Jehad' against India and US by terrorist Osama Bin Laden; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Indian and the US are engaged in bilateral consultations on the problem of terrorism. The two Governments have agreed to intensify cooperation in combating terrorism.

(b) The Government has received no formal proposal from the US to train Indian security personnel in "sophisticated counter-insurgency combat".

Indo-US ties

334. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to improve Indo-US ties; and